



Update on Indiana Network of Knowledge (INK) Commission Working Session 9/8/16

What is INK?

- Indiana's "P20W" data system that connects pre-K, K-12, higher education, and workforce data; created by statute in 2014 for purpose of making integrated Hoosier education-workforce information more readily available for research, analysis, and data-driven decision making.
- Partner agencies (CHE, DWD, FSSA, IDOE) provide direction and oversight via a governance committee; INK activities are coordinated by an Executive Director, with input from technical and research advisory committees made up of multiple internal/external stakeholders.
- INK complies with guidelines and policies of state and federal privacy laws, including FERPA.

Where is INK located and what is its relationship to the Management Performance Hub (MPH)?

- The INK data system is housed on state servers and leverages the technology platform of the state's Management Performance Hub (MPH). MPH developed and maintains the INK system.
 - MPH is a centralized business analytics collaboration among the governor's office, the Office of Management and Budget and the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT). The MPH recently linked and analyzed data from across various state agencies to help address Indiana's high infant mortality rate.
- Although INK uses the MPH technology platform, INK data remain distinctly separate from MPH data. Access to INK is highly restricted and all uses of INK data must be approved by partner agencies.

How will CHE use INK?

- INK will provide the integrated datasets used for the CHE College Readiness Reports (CHE-IDOE data) and the Return on Investment Report (CHE-DWD data); we are currently testing the data match process for these reports.
- As INK data elements expand, so does opportunity to enhance CHE reports; CHE also will be directly involved in shaping cross-agency research efforts in areas of education readiness, career readiness, and program effectiveness.
- INK opens door to accessing out-of-state data (e.g., through Multistate Longitudinal Data Exchange), helping us better understand brain drain and workforce retention patterns, and other policy-relevant issues.